

Letter About the Importance of National Unity

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Sir, As a nation, we are in a desperate plight ever experienced by the masses during the last years of independence. The doctrine of sole nationality has been entirely overshadowed by sectarianism, provincialism, racism, and grouping on the basis of different creeds. We have Pathans, Punjabis, Sindhis, Baluchis, Shias, Sunnis, locals, and Mohajers who are constantly in a state of war against one another. People have started to prefer the interests of their religious groups to the interests of the nation as a whole. All these groups and sects are breathlessly engaged in strengthening and consolidating their own organization, oblivious of their duties as the citizens of Pakistan.

This ever-increasing strife between various communities of society has threatened the very existence of our homeland. The most alarming aspect of this issue is that all is being done in spite of knowing the fact that united we stand and divided we fall.

It is really surprising why we have forgotten that our forefathers made concerted efforts to achieve this country. They sacrificed their lives and property to gain freedom both for themselves and their coming generations. If they had not struggled to achieve a separate homeland, we would have been the slaves of the Hindus. We must keep in mind that we all belong to one country and one nation. Our religion is admittedly the best religion of the world. It aims at nothing less than universal human brotherhood. So, Muslims who believe in God, but still do wrong are simply inconceivable in the system of Islam.

I would like to share some thoughts on how things can be made better. A countrywide campaign should be launched to make the masses fully aware of the threats which are likely to shake the very foundations of our country. All the religious political parties and organizations should be banned positively. The current primary education system should be discarded and replaced with the syllabus based on the ideology of Pakistan, bringing the national unity and brotherhood into sharp focus. Patriotic leaders and intellectuals also have a fundamental obligation to help create a climate of peace and respect for all the conflicting sects. Greater use should be made of television and radio to highlight the terribly negative effects of disunity on Pakistan's vital security and economy. Some of our leaders who are foreign agents, and are exclusively involved in negative activities, should be kept under close watch by the government agencies. By this way, we may be able to regain our lost unity, peace and stability.

Yours truly,
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